

**Hazardous Site Cleanup Division (HSCD) Salient Report**  
**Week Ending April 14, 2017**

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### **Elected Official and Media Inquiries Received on Bishop Tube Site, Frazer, Pennsylvania –**

In the past few weeks, the office of Pennsylvania State Senator Daylin Leach and the Philadelphia Inquirer have inquired about Region 3's involvement in the Bishop Tube Site and why it was not listed to the National Priorities List (NPL). The site is located off of Malin Road in Frazer, Chester County, Pennsylvania. A prominent local developer plans to build new townhouses on this property, which has the community concerned regarding the contamination at the site. The Bishop Tube site was used for manufacturing stainless steel tubes from the 1950's until 1999, under a variety of different owners. Trichloroethene (TCE) has been detected in soil, surface water, groundwater and indoor air at the site. Both inquiries were in regard to EPA's involvement at the site and why the site was not placed on the NPL. The Site Assessment Manager (SAM) prepared responses to the Philadelphia Inquirer's questions about the site, which were incorporated in an article that was published on April 10, 2017 and prepared responses to questions from the Office of State Senator Leach's about the site. The Bishop Tube Site met the criteria for placement on the NPL in 1996, but the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not support the listing at that time. Region 3 recognized Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) as the lead regulatory agency for the site. PADEP is currently working on a vapor intrusion assessment and further delineation of the downgradient groundwater plume. A feasibility study is expected to be completed the summer 2017. The SAM continues to coordinate with PADEP through the workshare meetings regarding the status of the site. (C. Vallone, 4-3306)

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